

REMARKS

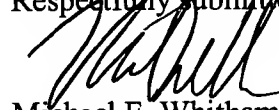
Claims 2 and 28 have been canceled. Claims 1, 27, 52, 53, and 57 have been amended. The application now includes claims 1, 3-27, and 29-60.

In response to the restriction requirement, the applicant has elected the "liquid crystalline phase" species. All pending claims read on the elected species. Please proceed to examination on the merits in light of this response and the concurrently filed information disclosure statement.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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